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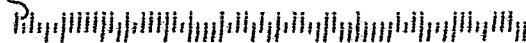
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Request for extension on comment period for the EIS for the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Ashley National Forest; Utah; High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis

Dear John Dave, and Paul,

The below signed organizations respectfully request an extension of 30 days (until Jan 31, 2016) for the comment period associated with the scoping for the EIS for the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Ashley National Forest; Utah; High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis. We are requesting this extension for the following reasons:

- When we met with you (Paul and John) a few weeks ago, our notes from the meeting specifically say that the Service was intending for the Scoping Notice letter and FR Notice to be issued "in January." So we were planning to have at least the whole month of January, and into February, to work on the scoping comments for the EIS.
- While we agree that a scoping period of 30 days is often adequate for an Environmental Assessment, we feel that a scoping period of at least 60 days is more reasonable for an Environmental Impact Statement. This level of analysis is more in-depth than an EA, and takes the agency more time to prepare. Therefore it is reasonable for the public to request that our time period for submitting scoping comments on an EIS is also longer than the period given to submit scoping comments on an EA.
- The 30 day period currently allotted for the scoping period includes a 17-day long period (from Friday December 17 to Monday January 04) during which many people take one or both weeks off from work, because the first of those weeks includes Christmas, and the second week includes New Years. For all intensive purposes this reduces the time we have to work on these comments to effectively 17 days, which is simply not sufficient.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for an extension on the comment period for this NEPA process.

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Director, Wild Utah Project

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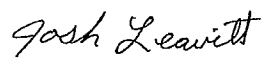
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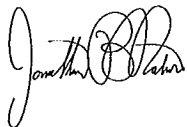
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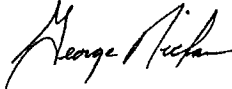
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